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## CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI INDIANS

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JULY 1975

POTAWATOMI DAY - 1975 The second annual "Potawatomi Day", June 28, 1975 was an even bigger success than last year. The day began with the Bicentennial Flag presentation as the Citizen Band Potawatomi are now recognized as a Bicentennial Community. The Bicentennial Flag Presentation began at 10:00 am and by the end of the ceremony four flags flew over Potawatomi land, American, Oklahoma, Bicentennial and Potawatomi. This truly was a beautiful site. Climaxing the Bicentennial Ceremony were several tribes joining together for Indian dancing.

COUNCIL MEETING The annual General Council Meeting was held at St. Gregory's College at 1:00 pm and highlighting the meeting was the election of officers. Gerald Peltier was elected as the new tribal Chairman. The officers of the Business Committee are as follows; Gerald Peltier, Macomb, Oklahoma, Chairman, Norman Kiker, Shawnee, Oklahoma, Vice Chairman, Beverly Hughes, Tecumseh, Oklahoma, Secretary-Treasurer, Leon Bruno, Tecumseh, Oklahoma, Councilman, and Sheila Hall, Oklahoma City, Okla., Councilwoman. A resolution was passed by the council approving the Bureau of Indian Affairs research on the pending claim concerning division of the money. If all other tribes concerned agree with the Bureau's research then the payment can begin to be processed for payment.

SUPPER Between 1500 and 2000 people were fed on Potawatomi ground at 5:00 pm in the afternoon. The donated beef was cooked Indian style everyone seemed to really enjoy the meal.

POW WOW After everyone had eaten their fill the Shawnee Tribal Gourd Clan started the gourd dancing and everyone proceeded to the Pow Wow grounds. The Pow Wow was sponsored by the Potawatomi Pow Wow Club and the dancing began around 7:00 pm and before long everyone was dancing. The Head Man Dancer, Woogie Watchataker, better known as the "Rainmaker" was almost true to his name as a heavy thunderstorm came up and almost dampened the Pow Wow. But, the sun soon came out and the dancing began again and the rain was forgotten. Highlighting the Pow Wow were the Comanche Little Ponies and their colorful dancing was enjoyed by all. Several people stayed and camped out overnight and the dancing continued Sunday well into the night. Everyone went home with a good feeling and looking forward to next year's Pow Wow. In order to make next year's Pow Wow an even greater success everyone who can is urged to attend the Pow Wow Club meetings. The club guarantees you a good time while raising funds for next year. The next meeting will be held at 6:30 pm, Sept. 21, 1975 in the Community House located just north of Mission Hill Hospital. A pot luck dinner will highlight the evening. Be sure and try to attend. For further information you may call the Tribal Office, 275-3125 or Buck Tasier, 275-1813.

HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM The tribe is now taking applications for the FY-76 Home Improvement Program. To qualify, applicants must be listed on the Citizen Band Potawatomi Rolls, live within the Shawnee Agency jurisdiction and meet certain income limits. Those persons living outside the Shawnee Agency area should apply to the Bureau Agency having geographic jurisdiction. Those living outside any agency jurisdiction would not qualify for Home Improvement. Applications may be obtained by writing the Tribal Office, Route 5 Box 151, Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801.

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NEW TRIBAL EMPLOYEES The Business Committee has recently hired some new employees for FY-76. Lee Fclkins was hired as the Tribal Business Manager. Lee is an ex pro football player with the Dallas Cowboys and the Green Bay Packers. Jan Shanklin, formerly with United Tribes, is now the tribe's Program Planner. Donna Harmon has been hired as the new Bookkeeper-Secretary. Welcome aboard new employees!! We are looking forward to a progressive year.

MULTIPURPOSE CENTER The critical needs of the elderly segment of the population were initially detected by the Potawatomi Tribe's Community Health Representatives (CHR's) when making home visits as a part of their routine outreach work with the Potawatomi Indian people. Upon realization of these crucial needs of the aged Indians, the Potawatomi Tribe had endeavored to bring about some changes in these established social practices, customs, and attitudes relating to the elderly. One such program is the establishment of a Multi-Purpose Center for older adults, funded by the Special Unit on Aging, Oklahoma State Department of Institutions, Social and Rehabilitative Services for a period of 3 years. The Multi-Purpose center will be located at 510 West Benedict in Shawnee (St. Benedicts School) and will be open from 9:00 until 5:00 five days a week (Monday through Friday). The Director of the Center is Mrs. Juanita Saunders, who will be in charge of the Center's programs and activities. Ms. Joan Judd, Director of Resources and Referral throughout the COEDD District will be responsible for this portion of the Center's program. Margaret Phillips is the staff person who will do the outreach work. The Potawatomi Tribe Community Health Representatives directed by Norman Kiker, will provide additional outreach work and backup support for all elderly citizens in Pottawatomie County. Community Health Representatives will be Jo Nell Negahnquet, Mary Kingsbury, and Jewell Bruno. For more information you may call 273-9091 or 275-5120

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (TGDP) Listed below are the deliverables for the FY-76 TGDP Program and the funding for each completed deliverable.

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| 1. Organize and put into force a Personnel Management System<br>\$6,600.00   | 5. Newsletter in July, 1975 to all heads specifying how TGDP funds to be used and newsletter in June 76 specifying how funds were used and accomplishments.<br>\$2,700.00 |
| 2. Draft proposed ammendments to Constitution with Election Ordinances.<br>\$8,682.00  | 6. Training of tribal officials and employers in management skills.<br>\$900.00   |
| 3. Develop a written plan to use program share if judgement award, and a pamphlet sent to all heads of household concerning judgement.<br>\$6,200.00 | 7. Administrative Overhead<br>\$3,303.00  |
| 4. Develop a written plan to use profits from tribal enterprises for continuing revenue for financing tribal government.<br>\$5,218.00               | Total Budget for FY-76<br>\$33,330.00   |

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